

REMARKS

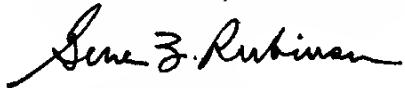
Claims 2, 4 through 19 and 25 through 44 are pending in the application. Claims 30 and 32 through 36 stand withdrawn from consideration. Claim 25 is the only claim rejected in the final Office Action dated April 16, 2003. Claims 26, 27 and 42 stand under objection for their dependence from rejected claim 25, but are otherwise indicated to be allowable. The remaining claims, claims 2, 4 through 19, 28 through 41, 43 and 44, have been allowed. Entry of the current Amendment is respectfully solicited as the application would then be clearly in condition for allowance as evidenced by a mere cursory review.

By the present Amendment, the only rejected claim, claim 25, is cancelled. Its dependent claims, claims 26, 27 and 42 have been rewritten in independent form and include the recitation of now cancelled parent claim 25. It is submitted, therefore, that the rejection and objection of record have been overcome. Entry of the Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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